

The Weekly Ledger.

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THURSDAY, JULY 18.

Get ready for the big Mexico Fair.

Every farmer in the county should arrange to attend the Mexico Fair.

The price of admission to the Mexico Fair is very cheap. Buy a season ticket.

Get your babies ready for the Mexico Fair. The price for a season ticket is very cheap.

There never was such a prospect for a fine crop in Missouri. Land in this State will advance five dollars per acre this fall.

Only two weeks until the big Mexico Fair. A success this year means a permanent organization and a fair every year in Mexico.

There must have been some mistake when "Coin's Financial School" was sent to the bistory or it would never have been put in yellow covers.

The fact that there are 2,000 illicit whiskey stills in the country shows that the Kentucky ideas spreading in this way that must warm the southern heart.

Don't forget the Youngs Creek picnic. Everybody is invited and everybody should go and take their families. The Youngs Creek folks know how to entertain royally.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease will be one of the speakers at the Youngs Creek picnic on July 25. This very eminent female exponent of Populist doctrine will be a real attraction.

Amusements out there will be diversified, to say the least.

Manufacturers sometimes reduce prices for political reasons, but they wages for increasing wages because returning prosperity enables and compels them to do it. When (Carnegie and Pullman) put up wages it is because it is to their interest to put up wages.

The enterprising merchants of Mexico have offered liberal special premiums to be competed for at the Mexico Fair, for which generous spirit they deserve praise. But to the credit of the merchants and business men of Mexico will always be found working for the interests of their town. Every prize offered is worthy of competition.

Governor W. J. Stone has appointed Mr. R. E. Cuthbert, of Mexico, one of the Curators of the State University for a period of six years from January 1, 1895. Mr. Cuthbert is a faithful, hard working friend of the State University and this appointment will meet with the approval of the public and will redound to the best interests of the institution.

Col. D. F. Boyd, for many years superintendent of the Kentucky Military Institute at Frankfort, but recently of the Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake, has just become associated with Col. Fleet in the management of the Missouri Military Academy at this place. The wide acquaintance of Col. Boyd in the central West will add much to the attendance upon this well-known institution.

The St. Louis Republic, in closing an editorial regarding the action of the State Democratic Committee in calling an early convention, facetiously remarks:

"It is a matter of regret that the people of the State have missed such a display of eminent abilities on the stump as no state has witnessed in this generation. All of us have been deprived of a spectacle which was ours by the right of natural events. Missouri has been a state of regular majorities. It has only on rare occasions heard any of the distinguished orators of either party, except its own, and when one of these has been presented a speech with little of that 'arousment' which comes with a close grapple.

But the chance has disappeared and in its fullness cannot come again. The convention will be held without contest and without any of the points on which the party are already written. There is nothing to go before the delegates except a few speeches already made and nothing for them to do except help candidates for next year's nominations to play for position.

Pertle Springs is a charming little resort. The time spent there ought to be an agreeable period of recreation for everybody who attends the Silver Convention."

PATRONIZE HOME SCHOOLS.

In our news columns to day we print the announcement of the Missouri Military Academy for the session of 1895 and 1896, from which it will be seen that the faculty is unusually strong and complete. The fact is, that in this special work of training boys for college or university or for business life, under the very best discipline and restraint, this school is recognized all over this and adjoining states as first and foremost, and its graduates are already taking the high ground in Yale, Princeton, Vanderbilt, DePaul, the University of Michigan, Virginia, Missouri and in the leading law and medical schools of the country, and each successive year will witness a steady improvement along all its lines of work.

The Military Academy and Hardin College are spending thousands of dollars every year in advertising Mexico and Andraun County, and all over Missouri and the adjoining states our community is recognized as one of the most progressive and cultivated in the West, because of the public spirit of its leading citizens in locating these two admirable schools in their midst.

But what we are doing in sending our boys and girls to these schools? We are surely seeking the highest advantages for them, and we cannot afford to send them to inferior schools, certainly, when our own are the best.

The LEOGR has worked day in and day out for the interests of Mexico and Andraun County and we do not believe our labor has been without reward. But we do not hesitate to say that among the varied interests of the community none will conduce more to its permanent prosperity and give it a better reputation abroad than its educational advantages.

Let each citizen of Andraun, therefore, make up his mind to patronize home schools, build up his own community and show to outsiders that common sense speaks louder than words. The Military Academy and Hardin College should each have fifty pupils from Andraun County the coming year, and with the magnificent prospect for crops this can easily be done, and the money remain at home for the permanent increase of our county's wealth.

The State Convention.

THE DATE IS FIXED FOR AUGUST 6 AND THE PLACE PERTLE SPRINGS.

All Efforts to Obtain a Delay Unavailable—No Agreements to Defer the Primaries Made—The Official Call Issued.

From the St. Louis Republic.

Tuesday, August 6, a Missouri Democratic State Convention will be held at Pertle Springs to adopt resolutions outlining the party policy on the currency question. The basis of representation will be the same as that of the last State Convention, held at Kansas City, May 19, 1894.

Yesterday the Democratic State Central Committee met at the Southern Hotel, and with practical unanimity decided upon the action which is outlined above. Despite the fact that Congressman U. S. Hall, F. W. Lehman, President E. C. Kehr, of the Democratic Sound Current Club, Representative Thomas R. Buckner, of Pike County, and other conspicuous Democrats who cannot see the wisdom of a 16 to 1 declaration, demanded time in which to make a fight, the committee fixed the convention at such early date that anything like an intelligent discussion of the question at issue is out of the question.

There was no agreement as to the terms upon which a late convention could be held, nor was there a genuine attempt to delay the meeting. The silver men could not promise that the counties which were dominated and controlled by the central committees demanding an early convention would not at once proceed to call primaries throughout the State. Whatever hope members of the committee might have had before the meeting that a fair discussion was possible was dispelled by the inflammatory speech of H. M. Hill, who appeared as chief spokesman for an early convention, denouncing the committee for its delay and threatening the vengeance of the people.

Perhaps the hot weather operated on some who are not inclined to make unnecessary exertion. In any event, there will be no contest; the opponents of independent free silver coinage will, except in a few localities, remain away from the primaries, and the 16 to 1 free silver men will run the convention to suit themselves. Those who had expected a free summer show and a free intellectual reasoning on finance will be disappointed. Carlisle will not come to Missouri. Wilson, Palmer, Viles, Mills, Lindsay, Cockran and a host of others will remain at home. Stewart, Jones, Teller, Wolcott and "Coin" Harvey will all have to do done over again.

It will have to be done over again in 1896; and the oratory, the resolutions, and all that sort of things, in the dog days of 1895, will be no more than an unobstructed expression of one side which the other side will not accept as binding.

CONGRESSMAN HILL'S APPEAL.

Chairman Maffitt asked for an expression from some of those who were advocating an early convention, but no one responded. Hill appeared to plead for time for a campaign of the State.

All eyes were turned on the conspicuous congressional figure as he arose. His speech created something of a sensation, and he proceeded with the least hesitancy to pledge his services for the campaign from the day the convention was called until it was held.

"The convention that you gentlemen have decided to call by your last vote is, in my mind," began Congressman Hill, "the most important one that has been called since the war, whether we consider it from the standpoint of the principles involved or the effect upon our own party. I beg to remind you, gentlemen, that in leaving the time of this convention to be decided by the delegates, you are being solicited to fix a date, not by political enemies, but by Republicans or Populists, but by lifelong Democrats who have ever been and ever expect to be true to the party and its interests; and the election of this year admonishes us that we cannot at this time spare any of our own party or have discussions in our ranks and expect to win."

"The Democratic voters of this State want a full and free discussion of this subject. If the men that believe in the United States coinage are free and unlimited at the ratio of 16 to 1, irrespective of the action of all other nations, believe that the people of Missouri are fixed in their conviction, why do they not consent to put this convention off until the 1st of November and fix a date for the primaries to elect delegates the latter part of October, and the work of education can then begin? The people of Missouri want to know but one thing in passing upon any great political question, and that is, 'what is right?' When they reach that conclusion, they have then settled the question, and not until then. If this convention is fixed as early as the motion just made, to-wit, the 6th of August, at the instance of the silver men, it is a question which means that they dare not let the sunlight of a full and free discussion be turned upon this subject. We are here to-day in an amicable, Democratic and friendly way, with chips on our shoulders and pleading for a chance to discuss this matter for the people fully and exhaustively. Will they dare give us the chance?"

"I seek this opportunity to be given a chance to speak to the people of the district and to the State upon this subject. If you gentlemen put the convention at the first part of August, that is, 'what is right?' among the farming class and the excessively hot weather that is liable to intervene between now and then, we can have no hope of any discussion and the advocates of bimetalism will let the silver men go by default in the counties in the State, instead of having a full discussion. This question will not down, and must be settled, and will never be settled until it is exhaustively discussed before the people. I ask this question which is the better for the Democratic party in this State: The exhaustive discussion and settlement of this question at this time and a full and exhaustive and bitter discussion of this question during the year when we have our State and national tickets to elect? If this battle is fought now and a conclusion reached, the prejudice and

passions engendered by this fight will have had time to cool off, and cooler, calmer and better judgment will assert itself, and I feel that we may secure victory in 1896, at least in this State; but I very much fear that to throw all the acrimony and bitterness of a silver fight into our State and national campaign within a few months from the time of the November election of next year, will be greatly to impair the chances of our success. One of the gentlemen that has spoken on this question has said that Mr. Hill is anxious to meet any opponent of 16 to 1 upon the stump in joint discussion. I reply to him, and authorize him to deliver the message to Mr. Hill that, if this convention is put off and time given for a discussion in this State, it will give me the greatest pleasure to meet him in joint discussion upon any stump or stump he may name."

MR. HILL'S FIERY EFFORT.

Mr. Harry M. Hill's speech was the prize silver effort of the meeting. Mr. Hill has firm jaws and a look of stern determination. He trembles and shakes like an impassioned orator should, and he tore the national administration, the "gold bugs" and all opposition to free silver coinage to tatters. Putting his arms behind him, he fairly yelled his defiance of the plutocrats around him.

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